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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1216

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, May 8, 2002, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 630, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to suicide.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

2           Section A. Chapter 630, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section,  
3   to be known as section 630.900, to read as follows:

**630.900. 1. The director of the department of mental health, in  
2   collaboration with the departments of social services, health and senior  
3   services, elementary and secondary education, higher education, and  
4   corrections, shall design, coordinate, and implement a state suicide  
5   prevention plan using an evidence-based public health approach focused on  
6   suicide prevention.**

7           **2. The director shall:**

8           **(1) Promote the use of employee assistance and workplace programs to  
9   support employees with depression and other psychiatric illnesses and  
10   substance abuse disorders, and refer them to services. In promoting such  
11   programs, the director shall collaborate with employer and professional  
12   associations, unions, and safety councils;**

13          **(2) Promote the use of student assistance and educational programs to  
14   support students with depression and other psychiatric illnesses and  
15   substance abuse disorders. In promoting such programs, the director shall  
16   collaborate with educators, administrators, students and parents with  
17   emphasis on identification of the risk factors associated with suicide;**

18          **(3) Provide training and technical assistance to local public health and  
19   other community-based professionals to provide for integrated**

20 **implementation of best practices for preventing suicides;**

21 **(4) Coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies to collect, analyze,**  
22 **and annually issue a public report on Missouri-specific data on suicide and**  
23 **suicidal behaviors; and**

24 **(5) Conduct periodic evaluations of the impact and outcomes from**  
25 **implementation of the state's suicide prevention plan and each of the**  
26 **activities specified in this section. By July 1, 2004, and each July first of**  
27 **even-numbered years thereafter, the director shall report the results of such**  
28 **evaluations to the chairs of the senate aging, families, and mental health**  
29 **committee and the house children, families, and health committee.**

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